

REMARKS

This Amendment is in further to the Amendment filed June 14, 2002. In the present invention, claims 1 and 25 were amended in order to recite that the conductor comprises a plurality of electrically insulated strands and at least one uninsulated strand in contact with the inner layer. This arrangement is not shown or described in the references cited by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended in order to refer to the uninsulated strands set forth in the claims as filed, e.g. claim 8.

Claim 19 has been amended to correct a typographical error and should not be considered as a further limitation. Claim 24 has been amended to broaden the claim.

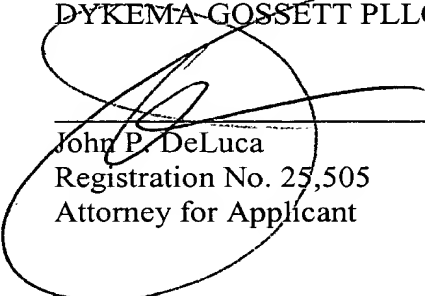
The drawings have been amended in order to recite the reference numeral for the at least one uninsulated strand.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner favorably consider the claims, the allowance of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1.

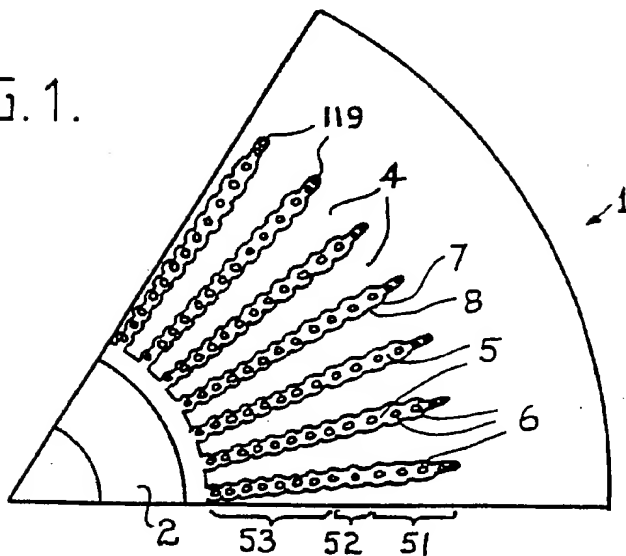


FIG. 2.

